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REMARKS

Claims 20-79 are pending in the present application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested for the following reasons.

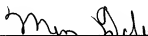
In the previous Office Action, claims 21-28, 30-39, 41-48, 61-68 and 71-79 have been indicated as defining patentable subject matter. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for that indication. Claims 21, 23, 28, 29, 30, 34, 41, 43, 48-50, 54, 61, 63, 68-70 and 74 have been rewritten into independent form, and the remaining claims indicated as being allowable depend from these claims. Accordingly, claims 21-28, 30-39, 41-48, 61-68 and 70 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 20, 40 and 60 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 3,388,690 to Hostetler and claims 20, 29, 40, 49, 60 and 69 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,092,274 to Cole et al. Claims 20, 40 and 60 have been amended to state that the outer cylinder features at least one spring-elastic engagement cam. This feature was originally presented in claims 24, 44 and 64 and believed to define the features that made those claims allowable. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 20, 40 and 60 are in condition for allowance. Furthermore, claims 29, 49 and 69 depend from claims 20, 40 and 60, respectively, and since claims 20, 40 and 60 define patentable subject matter, claims 29, 49 and 69 define patentable subject matter. Accordingly, claims 20, 29, 40, 49, 60 and 69 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

All pending claims 20-79 are believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowability is therefore earnestly solicited.

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